

1982 Report Saint James Church Choir

The Saint James Church Choir has continued to thrive under the direction of our Choirmaster, Raffi Sevadjan. The officers of the Choir include Joyce Papazian, Chairperson, John Wolohojian, Assistant Chairperson, Nina Hachigian, Recording Secretary, John Vakassian, Treasurer, and Lucy Tepikian, Corresponding Secretary.

This year the Choir has increased in membership and has broadened its repertoire of Armenian religious music. We were proud to sponsor the Regional Choir Workshop which was a day dedicated to instruction in singing technique and understanding of secular music. This function in July was attended by our sister churches in New York and New Jersey. The instructors for the day included our Der Hayr, Reverend Father Carnig Hallajian of Union City, and Raffi Sevadjan.

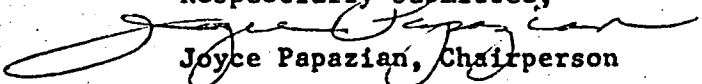
The Saint James Church Choir was also happy to sponsor a Lenten Supper, present the Singing Sisters from the Order of New Zion, and send representatives to the Annual Assembly of the Association of the Armenian Church Choirs of America. Our representatives to this conference were our Der Hayr, Helen and Mark Kapikian, and Raffi Sevadjan.

It was announced at the Assembly that the Saint James Choir was the recipient of the Second Place Award in the competition for the Annual Gomidas Award of Excellence. In addition, it was announced that our choir member, Lucine Wolohojian, was a winner of the Margaret E. Hagopian Scholarship for musical study.

The members of the Choir wish to thank our parishoners and Choir families for their contributions which enabled the purchase of new choir robes.

INCOME	\$808.42
EXPENSES	<u>220.00</u>
BALANCE	\$588.42

Respectfully submitted,


Joyce Papazian, Chairperson